

Daily Word



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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought and purpose for the good of all humanity.

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): God is the light of my life, and I walk in safety.

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): God's guiding hand leads me, and every doubt is dissipated.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): The increase of my basket and store is in divine order.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): God's abundance is poured into my lap, and plenty appears.

HEALING (9 p. m.): God forgiveth all mine iniquities and healeth all my diseases.

HEALING (9 p. m.): God's perfect plan of bodily perfection is bearing fruit, and I am made whole.

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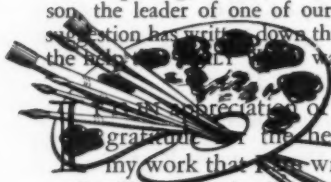
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HER BRUSH GUIDED BY HIS HAND

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mme. Elizabeth Shoumatoff, who was painting Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the time of his sudden passing, related her experience to John G. Coulson, the leader of one of our Unity centers, and at his suggestion has written down the things she told him about the help that God was to her at the time.



I express appreciation of DAILY WORD and with gratitude for the help it has given me in my work that has been writing these lines.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1945, I was scheduled to start a portrait of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Warm Springs, Georgia. I had painted the President two years before in his navy cape. The portrait received very kind comments then. Now I was to paint another one that was to be different and, I hoped, better than the first. I felt completely at a loss, for I had no conception of what the new portrait was to be like. To ask for a blessing before starting any painting has always been my habit. As I turned to the DAILY WORD that morning seeking a blessing I found it in the last sentence of the lesson: "By knowing God as our instant and unfailing help we can receive any idea." With this thought in my mind I had no worry as to the work before me, but confidently collected

myself and began planning the portrait and doing the preliminary sketches.

By the following day the actual portrait was in its more advanced stage, and in my mind it was planned and completed. Everyone who paints knows that you have to see your work beautifully finished long before the final touches are added. That day the DAILY WORD lesson inspired me with these words: "I use every talent I possess to the glory of God and to the honor of man."

The next day was another beautiful, sunshiny morning, and little did I know when I read, "If circumstances around me look foreboding, if events seem about to follow a course that would be disastrous to my best interests, I shall have no fear," that I was to be a witness, while painting, to a tragic event of major importance in history.

The shock, the confusion caused by the President's passing seemed almost more than I could bear. I have always made an effort to eliminate fear of anything from my mind. I learned early in life what the consequences of fear are. Still deep in my heart I always had dreaded publicity and everything connected with it. My work had developed quietly under cover of complete privacy. But here suddenly I was brought into the limelight. The thing I feared had come upon me.

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The Open Mind

WARREN E. MEYER, JR.

I WANT AN OPEN mind, a mind seeing beneath the bent and strained forms and beholding the straight and relaxed; judging not the outer but discerning the uncensored intent.

I want an open mind, a mind appreciating the unseen and weighing the seen wisely, giving generously but not where the gift is unwanted, singing but no one hearing the sound.

I want an open mind, a mind wisely choosing, humbly trusting, and patiently guiding, helping me thus, being neither high nor low, to move freely among the so-called high and low.

I want an open mind, a mind that can speak loudly without uttering a word, feel deeply without losing poise, think freely without forcing my thoughts upon another.

I want an open mind, a mind understanding the simple so well that it can dip deeply into the complicated, yet in dipping not be confused.

I want an open mind, a mind discerning all things easily but condemning not the one who must reason slowly. While I do not desire to stand alone, I do not want to lose my individuality.


I want an open mind because it flavors and balances my life.



OVERTONES

ELIZABETH BARR HAAS

May I never say "Good morning"
In a careless routine way,
Implying that it matters little
If your sky is blue or gray.
But let me chant "Good morning!"
With the joyous sort of shout
That warms the cockles of the heart
And brings the sunshine out.
Then if we part at sunset
Or when I say "Good night,"
May the words not close on darkness
Or merely seem polite;
But may their prayerful overtones
Thank God for all we are,
And bless the lovely day we shared,
And seal it with a star.



Monday

OCTOBER 1

I RELAX FROM ALL TENSION AND ANXIETY. I REST IN THE REALIZATION THAT GOD WORKS THROUGH ME.

YOU CAN RELIEVE yourself of any anxiety or feeling of being overburdened with work by knowing that you are merely the instrument through which God works; that by dependence on Him you are able to do all things.

As you let go of any feeling of undue personal responsibility with regard to your work and let God work through you, the burden of work will be lifted from your mind. And if you actually are overtaxed with work, the work itself will be lessened. It may be that some of your duties will be routed into other channels; perhaps you will receive unexpected offers of help from co-workers, or possibly new and better methods will be revealed to you. As you open your mind to the idea that God does the work you will discover that you are able to do whatever you need to do with ease and in order. You will be able to judge between essentials and nonessentials and not waste time or energy in needless work or worry.

✿ *The Father abiding in me doeth his works.*—JOHN 14:10.

OCTOBER 2

Tuesday

THE JUSTICE OF GOD GOVERNS MY LIFE, AND
I AM SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MY
OWN COMES TO ME.

IF YOU HAVE felt that some person or circumstance could take from you the good that is rightfully yours, now is the time for you to change your thought. Nothing can keep your own from you, your rightful position, the companionship you desire, your perfect home, or any good that you are seeking when you acknowledge that God's justice is sure.

Turn to God first in any situation and let Him reveal to you the path of divine justice. Let your heart be filled with love toward your fellow men and let wisdom, understanding, and fairness govern your thoughts and actions. Remember that you are a joint heir with Jesus Christ to the kingdom of all good, and that your blessings cannot detract in any way from another's good. God's justice operates under a higher law than that of man, and when your trust is in Him and you work with His law you will be secure in the knowledge that your own unfailingly comes to you.

* *Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him.*—ISA. 30:18.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 3

I PRAISE THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITHIN ME,
AND I YIELD MYSELF TO ITS HEALING POWER.

JESUS CHRIST brought to mankind a consciousness and assurance of life—radiant, eternal, renewing, and restoring life. He constantly praised the life of God within and glorified it with His every word, act, and deed. He reminded His followers often that He was not teaching or living an unusual or unattainable life. He taught men to live gloriously through the Christ life within. He taught men that this life was within, accessible to all forever. He taught men to live by a consciousness of life and health that He proved many times for Himself and others.

The same consciousness of mental and physical wholeness that Jesus Christ expressed can be attained by all who believe in His teachings and who are led by the vision of perfection.

Praise and bless the life of God in your body every time you think of yourself. Rejoice that the Christ consciousness of perfection is unfolding within you, and glorify His presence of life and health, which is a healing force, mighty to heal and to restore you.

✿ *Glorify God therefore in your body.*—I COR. 6:20.

Thursday

I CONTINUALLY TURN TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE, AND HIS WISDOM DIRECTS MY EVERY STEP.

IN OUR human experiences the way sometimes seems dark before us, and we feel the need of more light and a higher wisdom to show us the way out of our difficulties. That light and wisdom are constantly available to us, as near to us as our breathing, for they are within us, in the indwelling Spirit of God. No problem is too great for this Spirit of wisdom that is within each of us.

Acknowledge that God knows the solution to every problem and will reveal it to you as you seek His guidance. Have faith in Him and be assured that He is guiding your footsteps even when you in your human understanding cannot see each step ahead. Recognize His presence as being continually with you, and depend on Him to help you in every detail of your life. As you abide in the consciousness of His light and love and wisdom you will receive the full benefit of His guidance and blessing, and your path will become clear and smooth and joyous before you.

✦ *Then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday.*—ISA. 58:10.

Friday

OCTOBER 5

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN ME GIVES ME A CHEERFUL HEART.

I WILL keep a cheerful heart. I will not be depressed when my life is not to my liking; I will remember that God is with me to help me make things right.

I will keep a cheerful heart. I refuse to be beaten by circumstances or to be walled in by conditions; I will remember that there is a Spirit in me which is equal to any occasion, mightier than any circumstance.

I will keep a cheerful heart. I will not let the actions of other persons disturb me or make me unhappy. I will remember that, like myself, all persons are trying to find happiness and that even though they may fail to measure up according to my standards they may be making great strides in their overcoming, could I but know their inner self.

I will keep a cheerful heart. I will make the best of things, not in a mood of pessimism but in a mood of optimism. I will turn unpleasantness into pleasantness through my cheerful allegiance to all that is good and loving and true in myself and in other persons.

♣ *A cheerful heart is a good medicine.*—PROV. 17:22.

OCTOBER 6

Saturday

I AM FREE FROM FEAR, FOR MY TRUST IS IN
GOD AS MY UNFAILING PROTECTION.

THE EMOTION called fear comes from a sense of danger and the feeling of being alone and unprotected and cut off from help when there is something to meet. Fear then is based on false premises. We are never alone but always in-folded in God's protecting presence.

To free yourself from fear, abide in the assurance that you are eternally secure in God's love. Wherever you are, whatever dangers seem to assail you, God is with you to protect you and to bring you safely through any experience. If you are concerned for the safety of a dear one, replace your fear with thoughts of trust in God's power to guard him and to deliver him from any danger. Know that God is giving him strength and courage and sheltering him under His wings of love.

Your realization that you are secure in God's presence brings security to you and your loved ones. Fear is only darkness that disappears before the understanding that God is ever with you, your unfailing shield and protection.

✱ *Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.*—ISA. 43:1.

Sunday

OCTOBER 7

I PRAISE GOD TODAY WITH ALL MY HEART,
AND I ACCEPT THE ABUNDANT SUPPLY HE
HAS FOR ME.

“PRAISE GOD from whom all blessings flow” is a familiar line from an old song. It contains a mighty truth that will lift your heart today if you accept it and act on it. How joyfully, how sincerely we should praise Him if we could really believe that He is giving us at this moment the blessings we desire and need! This is the truth; God is now the unlimited source of all the love, peace, abundance, and health you need. Could you realize it, your problem is not lack but how to accept His gifts and make use of them.

By praising and thanking God this day, by remembering every single blessing you have and making the best use of it, you will increase your consciousness of His ever-present and all-powerful good. Praise Him with faith in your heart no matter what the situation today seems to be, and go forward each day expecting and receiving more and more good.

✿ *I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.—PSALMS 9:1 (A. V.).*

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OCTOBER 8

Monday

THROUGH THE CHRIST MIND I AM UNIFIED
IN SPIRIT WITH ALL PERSONS.

IN THE BIBLE we are told to "be of the same mind one with another." This is easy enough when we are with people who think and react as we do, but how does it apply when there seems to be no meeting of minds, when there seem to be opposing views, conflicting personalities, when an opinion creates controversy?

There is a way by which we can find a place of agreement with all persons, by which we can "be of the same mind one with another" even with those persons whose ideas seem diametrically opposed to ours. The way is to realize and remember that present in all persons is the Christ mind, that we are united in spirit if not in outer ways. If we could always be aware of this inner unity we should not be distressed by outer disagreements, and we could develop a greater understanding of other persons, a greater tolerance toward the persons and things we may not like from a human standpoint; we could see with greater clarity the truth underlying appearances, we would have gone far toward establishing harmony in our life.

* *Be of the same mind one with another.*—ROM. 15:5.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 9

I WALK WITH GOD, AND THE LIGHT OF HIS PRESENCE ILLUMINES MY WAY.

“**G**o OUT into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.”

The best assurance of spiritual guidance is to remain close to God in consciousness. Then we are ready for any unexpected turn of events; then we are able to make the daily decisions that mean so much in the harmonious outworking of our life.

When we feel the need of specific guidance, the way to receive it is to become still within and turn to God. God does not shout His revelations from the housetops; He speaks to us through the still small voice within us. Every moment that we spend in silent contemplation of the goodness of God, in acknowledging God's guidance, we are drawing nearer to that day when we shall walk momentarily by the light of His presence in paths of unending blessedness.

✿ *In paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do, and I will not forsake them.*—ISA. 42:16.

OCTOBER 10

Wednesday

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST. I HAVE WITHIN ME THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THINGS.

IT HAS BEEN said that none of us uses more than ten per cent of his real potentialities. This means that most of us make scarcely any call at all upon the powers we have within us. The fact that we can conceive in our mind and heart of certain accomplishments is an indication that they are possible to us.

What is it that you want to do? What is it that you can conceive of yourself as doing? You have divine potentialities. Know that you have the fullness of God's gifts and powers to implement your efforts, and you will be on your way to achievement and success.

What you have planned to do may be a "big order" in the light of your present development, but as you take each step as it is presented you will grow in confidence and in power. You will be consciously engaged in the most satisfying adventure there is—calling forth the power of the Christ within you to achieve.

✠ *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*—PHIL. 4:13 (A. V.).

Thursday

OCTOBER 11

I AM FREE TO EXPRESS MY CHRIST SELF, AND I FREE EVERY OTHER PERSON TO EXPRESS HIMSELF ACCORDING TO HIS DIVINE NATURE.

MOST OF US HAVE been taught that it is the mark of a true Christian to sacrifice the desire of his own heart in order to do for others. But in the light of Truth we can see how often persons who do this become embittered and frustrated, and those for whom they make sacrifices become more and more dependent and demanding.

The true way to help another is by helping him to discover and develop his own inner resources for happy and prosperous living. This way leaves everyone free to express himself according to the promptings of his divine nature, which is the basis of true independence and accomplishment.

True, after we have already taken undue responsibility for another person it is not always a simple matter to free him and to free ourselves. But when we know the truth, we know that it is the kindest thing we can do for him. We know that the best way to help anyone is to help him find himself in Christ, to help him help himself.

• *Let each man prove his own work.*—GAL. 6:4.

OCTOBER 12

Friday

GOD'S WILL FOR ME IS ALWAYS GOOD, AND I
GLADLY ACCEPT HIS WILL FOR ME.

DO YOU hesitate to say, "Thy will be done"? Remember that God's will for you is always good and that good will be manifested for you when you attain the consciousness of trust in God no matter what comes into your life. Open the door for your good to come to you by placing everything in God's hands. Empty your mind of all fear and make room for God's good to come into your thoughts, life, and affairs.

Here is an easy way to analyze your thoughts. If you are angry it is because you have forgotten that God is love. If you are worried it is because you have forgotten that all your affairs are in God's hands. If you are jealous it is because you have forgotten that God is giving you all good now and you have no lack. If you are discouraged it is because you have forgotten that God can do all things and that God works through you. If you are sick it is because you have forgotten that God is your perfect health. Through faith that God's will is good you can correct these wrong thoughts and open your mind to receive your good now.

✿ *If God is for us, who is against us?*—ROM. 8:31.

Saturday

OCTOBER 13

PERFECT LOVE REIGNS IN MY LIFE AND IN
THE ENTIRE WORLD.

UNDERNEATH all the discord that appears on the surface reigns the law of infinite love, and there is never any harmony and satisfaction in the life of any individual until he conforms to this law. All the friction in man's life is due to his resistance to the law of love. He creates difficulties in his own life by disregarding the law of love, but when he is in tune with the law of love, unkindness vanishes, retaliation ceases, selfishness crumbles.

Only full obedience to the law of love can bring heaven into man's individual life and into the world. Only the full expression of unselfish love brings happiness, health, and prosperity.

Think of yourself as living under and governed by the law of love. Let your actions be prompted by love, your decisions be based on love, your thoughts and words be filled with love. Meet any inharmonious condition or situation in yourself or in the world about you with this thought: Perfect love reigns in my life and in the entire world.

✿ *Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.*—ROM. 13:10.

OCTOBER 14

Sunday

GOD IS MY COURAGE, MY HAPPINESS, THE
PEACE OF MY SPIRIT.

MY FAITH in God fills me with joy and peace. God is my courage, my happiness, the peace of my spirit.

With the morning light God gives me His light, and joy dawns in my soul like the blossom of a lovely dawn. Throughout the day I turn to Him and know His strength and His counsel. When the night hours come I find my rest in the benediction of His blessed peace.

God is my courage, and in Him I put my trust and my faith. In turning to Him, believing, I am guided into ways that lead to peaceful and joyous destinations.

No matter what the experiences of the day the song of joy sings in my heart, and the strength of God's peace presides in my soul.

I live my day with God, counseled by His understanding, and my road is bright with happiness. I go forward with poise, with confidence, able to serve as He directs, able to live my life with love and peace in my heart.

✻ *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.*—ROM. 15:13.

Monday

OCTOBER 15

HEAVENLY FATHER, LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

THE PROCESS of creating world peace is a continuous one. Treaties, charters, conferences point the way; peace comes through a willingness on the part of the people to live in peace, one with another.

As individuals we do our part in creating peace in the world by trying to understand the thought, the plans, and the ideals of world peace that are presented to us. Our individual interest is important, our intelligent analysis is important, our idealism is important to the over-all plan for peace.

More important than our understanding of world affairs however is our understanding of the real basis of peace, individually, nationally, and internationally. The real basis of peace is the understanding of man as a child of God, created in His image and likeness, endowed with powers and capabilities to create a good world. When we begin right where we are to appreciate and to understand our fellow men we are making our contribution to world peace.

✿ *The Lord of peace himself give you peace.*—II THESS. 3:16.

OCTOBER 16

Tuesday

GOD IS THE ANSWER TO MY HEART'S NEED.

THERE ARE MANY things in life that our human understanding cannot comprehend, there are circumstances and events that seem sad and unnecessary and disheartening. But we have within us a capacity for spiritual understanding that helps us translate every experience into a comprehensible truth, that helps us keep our vision on the eternal, unfailing law of God, which underlies all life and ever works toward good ends.

When over and over our mind asks why as to something we have had to meet, the answer and our comfort and peace come through our lifting our heart and our thoughts in prayer and finding and feeling a oneness with the Spirit of God, the spirit of life, in which we live and move.

God is; we are. Always and forever we are one with the Spirit of God, the spirit of life. Always and forever we are one with His infinite love, His divine understanding, His blessed comfort. Whatever we have of sadness in our heart, there is a great reservoir of love and comfort there too, for God is in our heart.

♣ *Our comfort . . . aboundeth through Christ.*—II COR. 1:5.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 17

I AM ONE WITH ALMIGHTINESS: MY ENVIRONMENT IS GOD.

THE PERSON who realizes that God is his environment can cast his influence for good wherever he is and upon everyone in his life. He can be a harmonious and gracious person, loving and beloved by all.

A realization that God is your environment will help you in all your human relationships. It will help you to know that all the people in your life, whether close relations or casual acquaintances, have the Spirit of God in them, that when you are with another human being you are in a sense with God. A realization like this helps you to know yourself and other persons as children of God, living in God's good world. It gives you an understanding heart; a heart that holds no malice, no grudges, no unforgiveness; a heart that releases all persons to express God in their own way.

Live today and every day in the assurance that you are one with Almightyness; your environment is God.

✿ *For I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.*

—JONAH 4:2,

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AS I ESTABLISH ORDER IN MY THOUGHTS AND
ACTIONS DIVINE ORDER IS ESTABLISHED IN
MY LIFE AND AFFAIRS.

IN THE WORLD about us we can see evidences of the outworking of the law of divine order in the rhythm and regularity of operation of all natural forces. By operating in accord with God's law of order we can govern our own thoughts and actions and thus establish order and harmony in our personal life and affairs. The divine law works in and through man just as surely as it does in the universe.

If disorder and confusion seem to exist in your life, you can turn within for harmony and adjustment in any situation. Let the peace of God pervade your mind and heart. Look beyond any seeming disorder and acknowledge that God, the very spirit of order, is working in your affairs.

As you realize that there is a law of divine order active in your life you will no longer be upset or confused by discordant conditions, but peace and serenity will be established in you, and order will become manifest in every detail of your life.

☛ *Thy commandment is exceeding broad.*—PSALMS 119:96.

Friday

OCTOBER 19

I AM THE PERFECT CHILD OF GOD. I AM WELL,
I AM HAPPY, I HAVE ABUNDANCE, I AM FREE.

NO MATTER what circumstances seem to limit our supply, health, or happiness, we have within us the power and right to claim our freedom. Jesus Christ said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In these words He showed us our part in affirming the Truth, and also that the healing, prospering power is in the word of Truth.

Do you need freedom from bonds of lack, fear, tension, physical limitations, mental turmoil? Right now, as you read this, turn your thought wholeheartedly to God, and in His healing, quieting presence give up all doubt and rest in the faith that God has really made you free. He has created you for His glory, perfect as He is perfect, a being manifesting wholeness and abundance.

God never placed a single limitation on man, a single fetter on the life and liberty of man. Therefore let go of whatever you think is hindering you and be free in mind, body, and affairs. Rejoice, for His perfection is now made manifest in and through you.

✿ *Ye shall be free indeed.*—JOHN 8:36.

OCTOBER 20

Saturday

GOD'S GUIDING HAND LEADS ME, AND EVERY DOUBT IS DISSIPATED.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

IN THE BIBLE are recorded numerous instances of divine guidance. If we study them carefully we see that no matter how critical the situation, the divine illumination that came in response to prayer enabled those who prayed to come through their trials triumphantly.

These stories are of greater value to us as symbols of spiritual truth than as historical records; they are proof that we are not to judge by appearances or rely too greatly upon our human self when we face an alarming or puzzling situation. God is the controlling factor in it, and we should look to Him, the light, and not to the darkness.

We are only human when we are troubled by doubts and fears; but no problem is ever solved by our being fearful about it or doubting that there is a solution to it. The victory is always to the man who resolutely puts aside his human fears and relies upon the guidance of God.

*Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee. . . .
Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a
place of springs.*

—PSALMS 84:5, 6.

Sunday

OCTOBER 21

GOD'S ABUNDANCE IS POURED INTO MY LAP,
AND PLENTY APPEARS.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

IT IS MOST inspiring and encouraging to know that God our Father is a plenteous God, in whom is no lack of any good thing. His abundance is greater in degree than any demands that can be made upon it. The very world about us is proof of His opulence; for the wealth of nature's host of growing things is beyond reckoning.

Since we all desire a greater manifestation of abundance in our life we need to give more attention to developing an understanding of God so that we know how to look for and receive His abundance.

Our prosperity thought for this month reminds us that God's abundance is poured into our lap momentarily, but that it is necessary for us to recognize it. His abundance may come to us in the form of money, if that is our need; but it may also come to us in the form of a wealth of new ideas, greater energy, assurance, wisdom and joy. Let us be quick to recognize the plenty that is ours.

✿ *I will . . . open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing.*—MAL. 3:10.

OCTOBER 22

Monday

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN OF BODILY PERFECTION
IS BEARING FRUIT, AND I AM MADE WHOLE.

—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

THERE IS a wisdom in our inward parts, a living Spirit, that tells us that God has a perfect plan for our life. If the fullness of His plan of perfection is not now fully expressed in our body, let us give more of our thought and attention to God as life. Let us look unto Him from whom all blessings flow for greater understanding, for a deeper awareness of His presence in us as perfect life.

The perfect expression of God's life in us involves our development and manifestation of a perfect body. While we may not yet have reached the point in our spiritual ongoing where we can demonstrate absolute perfection in our body, each thought of life that we think helps to make us more conscious of it. Each time we express our faith in God as life we draw nearer to the divine standard, the perfect wholeness, health, and vitality that is our Father's plan for us and our heritage from Him.

✿ *Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*—MATT. 5:48.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 23

"JEHOVAH IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD;
MY HEART HATH TRUSTED IN HIM, AND I AM
HELPED."

MAY these words be a light to guide you into a solution of any problem that may be confronting you.

There is always help in God. Just how that help will come we do not always know, but it is certain that there is never any problem too great for God to solve. The first step in the solution of any difficulty is to know that God can help. The second step is to concentrate on God and not on the problem.

As you take time to become quiet and use today's prayer, peace and new faith will be born in your heart and the way will be opened for God's help to flow to you. The Father never withholds His blessings, but our heart must be open and receptive if we are to receive what He so freely bestows. Do not limit God. He holds the wealth and the power of the universe in His hands, and He will give to you just as bountifully as you are able to receive.

✿ *If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do.*
—JOHN 14:14.

OCTOBER 24

Wednesday

GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH A SPIRIT OF PRAISE AND THANKFULNESS, AND I REJOICE IN THE GOOD THAT CONSTANTLY FLOWS INTO MY LIFE.

THERE IS inherent in each of us a spirit of praise and blessing and the desire to express our joy and gratitude for all the good that we are constantly receiving.

When someone gives us something or does a kind deed for us, our first impulse is to thank him and in some way show our gratitude for the blessings received. This is because God has implanted within each of us a spirit that rejoices and gives thanks for our good. As we show our joy and gratitude for blessings received we are in a true sense praising and giving thanks to God. Daily there is something new to rejoice in and some new blessing that fills the heart with thanksgiving.

Let us begin this day in a spirit of praise. As we give thanks for our blessings we are lifted into a joyous, receptive state of mind wherein we put in action the law of increase and open the way for all the good we desire.

✿ *Enter into his gates with thanksgiving.*—PSALMS 100:4 (A. V.),

Thursday

OCTOBER 25

TODAY I STIR UP THE GIFTS OF GOD WITHIN ME, AND MY LIFE TAKES ON NEW PURPOSE AND MEANING.

TODAY I MAKE good use of the gifts of God within me. I know that God is all and that His gifts include all that I need to live happily and successfully.

Love is God's gift to me. Today I express this love in thought, word, and deed. Light is His gift to me. I see all things more clearly and in their right perspective. I have no fear, for where the light of God is there is the understanding that dispels fear. Strength is God's gift to me. I meet every experience with courage, with quiet strength, enduring and wise, adequate to meet all challenges. Wisdom is God's gift to me. In stirring it up within me I have a greater understanding, a tolerance toward all persons and things, a knowledge that is practical and beneficial to myself and to others.

For God's mighty gifts within me, which I can stir up through prayer, I give thanks.

✿ *Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee . . . For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.—II TIM. 1:6, 7.*

OCTOBER 26

Friday

I NEITHER FEAR NOR RESENT CHANGING CONDITIONS, FOR I HAVE STEADFAST FAITH IN GOD.

IT is natural for the human mind and heart to fear and sometimes resent change. It is easy to become so attached to localities, friends, positions, and things that we feel we cannot live without them. When we have faith in God however, it is easy for us to accept necessary changes. We can know that happiness, security, and peace are from God and that since He is omnipresent these go with us wherever we may go. God watches over us and makes our life richer, our heart more serene, and our affairs more orderly.

No matter what may seem necessary for world adjustment or what nations or individuals may have to meet, we can be sure that God and His love are working with us so that every adjustment is made according to His perfect plan of good for all. Even at times when persons and places and the very face of the world, as represented by the map, seem to be changing to something else, we who have faith in God and His goodness need to stand stanch and steadfast in our faith.

♣ *He shall prepare the way.*—MAL. 3:1.

Saturday

OCTOBER 27

I AM CENTERED IN THE POISE AND ASSURANCE OF MY CHRIST SELF.

SO OFTEN it is our human striving for the approbation of other persons that keeps us tense and unpoised. We fear we are not measuring up to the accepted standards of appearance, behavior, and accomplishment that mean approval and success. However there is something in every person that responds to the real and the true, that admires and respects the person who is natural and unaffected.

When we can forget about trying to win the approval of this person and that person and can center our thought in our Christ nature and express ourselves accordingly, then we are poised and assured and free. Through our Christ nature we always know what to say and what to do to be in good taste and to be in harmony with the good and the beautiful and the true. As we give expression to our Christ nature we are free from any sense of striving and straining. We are our own natural, calm, poised, effective self.

✿ *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in Jehovah forever.—ISA. 26:3, 4.*

OCTOBER 28

Sunday

I REJOICE IN THE HEAVENLY VISION OF MY HIGHEST GOOD, AND I HAVE PERFECT FAITH THAT SPIRIT WILL DIRECT ME IN ITS ATTAINMENT.

BY ATTUNING my mind to the mind of Spirit I am shown the steps I am to take toward my good. I have faith that Spirit will show me how to fulfill the divine plan of my life.

I now enter into the joy of the Lord, for I have faith in His watchful, continuous guidance toward the attainment of my goal, my highest good. I have no fear of being forsaken and no fear of the darkness of indecision along the way, for I shall follow the scriptural teaching:

"Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding:
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths."

Spirit ever works toward perfection; therefore as I take each step forward toward my highest good I know that I shall be directed, I shall be encouraged, I shall be refreshed, I shall be sustained.

*In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths.*

—PROV. 3:6.

Monday

OCTOBER 29

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; I
SHALL FIND JOY AND BEAUTY IN IT.

I SHALL FIND the joy and beauty of the Lord in this day. My prayer of thankfulness to God expresses my appreciation of this new day.

God made this day, and He created within me the power to enjoy it. I will go forward blessing the rich possibilities of every hour.

In appreciation there is holiness and worship; in condemnation there is only resentment and bitterness. In joy there is refreshment and renewal; in bitterness and fear there is but frost and the withering of life. I will let the beauty of God's day weave a song of praise in my heart, and I shall be thankful and appreciative for every blessing the day brings.

God's beauty is apparent in His world on every hand, and my heart is full of gratitude before it.

I go forth in humble rapture before the beauty of God's every day. In such an attitude of worship my heart finds blessings of joy and loveliness. Deep within me I feel the glow of His love that this wonderful gift of His beauty brings to me.

✿ *Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*
—PSALMS 29:1 (A. V.).

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OCTOBER 30

Tuesday

THE DECISIVE ACTION OF THE CHRIST MIND
IN ME GUIDES ME AND HELPS ME IN MAKING
WISE DECISIONS.

WHEN YOU need help in solving a problem or when you feel the need of guidance in making a wise decision, you can always be sure of doing just the right thing when you turn within and become unified with the Christ. Think of your mind as one with the mind of Christ, and know that His wisdom is yours to instruct and to guide you.

There can be no faltering or wavering as regards any of your decisions when you know that the same mind that is in Christ is in you. According to human sense there is often no way to turn, but you will always know what to do and when to do it if you turn within and affirm your oneness with the mind of Christ and let it direct and guide you.

The true, unerring guidance of the Christ mind, which is deep within you, will reveal to you the right course of action at all times and guide you in all situations.

♣ *Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel.*—PSALMS
73:24.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 31

MY EVERY NEED IS FULFILLED THROUGH THE LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING AND ACTION OF GOD.

A LONELY HEART is one that is not expressing itself fully. Whenever we come to a place in our life when we feel lonely, unloved, and unappreciated, we can know that in some way we are not contributing to life what is necessary to produce the blessings our heart longs for. If we want friends we must first plant the seeds of friendship. If we want love and companionship we must be lovable and companionable. If we want new experiences we must have the faith and courage to take at least one step toward them. Love, friendship, and interesting experiences do not just happen to us; we have produced them through our contributions to life.

God knows the needs of our heart even better than we do ourselves. When we go to Him in prayer asking for illumination and blessing, He reveals to us the changes in attitude we need to make and the outer steps we should take in order to claim the fulfillment of our heart's desires.

✿ *For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.*—PSALMS 107:9 (A. V.).

HER BRUSH GUIDED BY HIS HAND

(Continued from page 3)

The Sunday of April 15, when I had to make my first public statement about the last conscious hour of the President's life, the words from the DAILY WORD lesson for that day, "I am centered and poised in the one infinite life, light, and power," brought peace and composure to my soul. The presence of a friend who read these lines with me was a true help at that hour. The worst was over, and I could gratefully repeat the last sentence in the lesson for April 28, "Father, I thank You for Your nearness, for the comfort of Your outstretched hand, for the love with which You grace my life."

I trust that this account will help some other artist who, like myself, has paintings ahead of him, that it will help other DAILY WORD readers to see how the lessons can apply to all the varying experiences of life. I say to other artists: You cannot fail in your work when you know that the brush you are holding is guided and blessed by the one and only Helper. I say to everyone reading this: You cannot fail in your work, whatever it may be, when you know that you are guided and blessed by the one and only Helper.

"They That Seek Jehovah Shall Not Want Any Good Thing."

Do you want or lack the good things that would make your life more prosperous, successful, and complete? Can you obtain them by worrying or fearing or by just wishing for them? No, you must do something more, and the foregoing verse of Scripture points the way. It is in seeking to know more about God and His ever-present abundance and in doing your part to fulfill His law of supply that you demonstrate your good.

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